

Remarks

The above 312 amendment is made to cancel claims 1-29, 34-42, 48-52, 84, and 100-103, to amend claims 138, 145 and 153 and to add new claims 156-158.

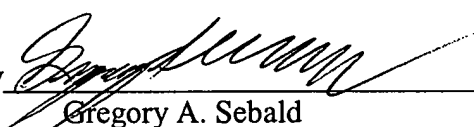
Applicants respectfully request that the 312 amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336.4728.

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